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Subject: 520 comments

Gentlepeople:

I-1244-001

As having a home in one of only two areas signaled (both in Laurelhurst) to get more bang for the buck in noise, i.e. louder, as shown in the impact statement on the WSDOT's draft, I feel affected.

I-1244-002

My comments:

Its was frustratingly hard to get a grasp of the visual impact from the two hours I spent trying to find a clear visual representation of the plans. So based on the fog that was produced:

- Oh put it in a tunnel, under water. Right!
- The BIG Six lane proposal is probably too messy and causes too much impact, causing more acrimony and lawsuits to cost WAY more money.
- The 110 foot bridge could be a great selling/rallying point if it worked, that is, if it became a visual wonder, (a la Calatrava), AND somehow was able to reduce noise.
- Montlake needs two bridges, one to 520, one to the 'neighborhood.' Currently it is a ill
 designed mess, for example @ 7:30 am, twin metro busses, empty, cruise past the
 Hospital in the HOV lane and into the Montlake Bridge lanes, at which point they try to
 move out of the right lane, jammed with cars wishing to go East on 520, for two blocks,
 AND then move back into the right lane to pick up passengers at the 520 bus stop
 entrance

My vote is the simpler six lane alternative.

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John Behnke

I-1244-001

Comment Summary:

Noise (Methodology)

Response:

See Section 12.1 of the 2006 Draft EIS Comment Response Report.

I-1244-002

Comment Summary:

6-Lane Alternative

Response:

See Section 1.2 of the 2006 Draft EIS Comment Response Report.